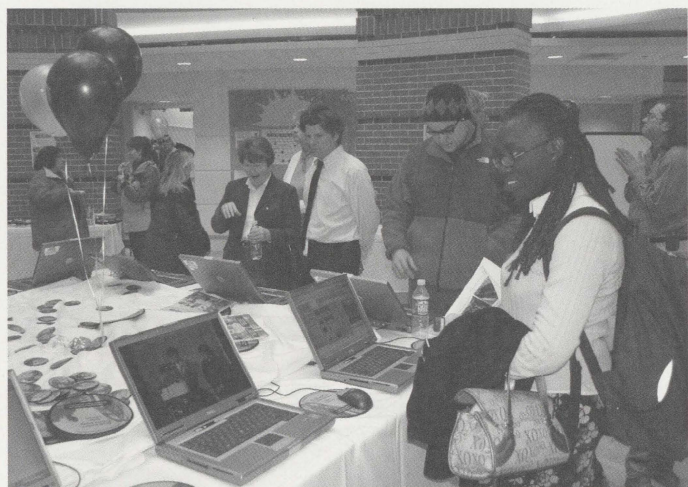


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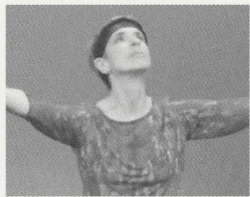
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Academic Technology celebrated the launch of its new Video Library in the JSAC G Area on February 15 and 16 with refreshments and a hands-on exhibit of this new online video archive of deaf history and culture from 1930 to the present. In addition, the complete collection of the "Deaf Mosaic" television series is now available online. To access the Video Library, go to [videolibrary.gallaudet.edu](http://videolibrary.gallaudet.edu).



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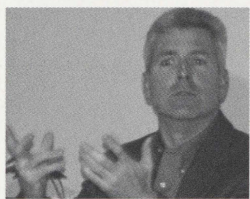


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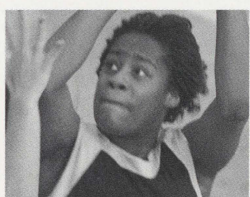


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## Provost position being advertised nationally

(Note: The following update on advertising for the provost position was announced in a February 13 email by President Davila.)

"Dear Campus Community:

"I am happy to announce that we have found a way to advertise nationally online for the provost position without creating serious delay in the filling of the position. This advertising will include all the online sites located in the field of deaf education and general sites targeting underrepresented groups and deaf people. Additionally, we will advertise this in the online editions of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* and *Inside Higher Ed*. This online advertising will extend the closing date by only two weeks. The new closing date is now March 16.

"Please remember that advertising in our relatively small field may not be as effective as applying our own personal recruiting of highly qualified colleagues on campus and around the country. I am partnering with the faculty officers and others to actively identify and encourage all qualified people of diverse backgrounds to apply for this vitally important leadership position at Gallaudet."

Bob Davila  
President



## Gallaudet shows strong presence at 16th Winter Deaflympics

Gallaudet students took home two gold medals at the 16th Winter Deaflympics held recently in Salt Lake City, Utah. Fourth-year student Jim Crane led the U.S. ice hockey team to victory as its captain. Senior Nicole Lanning won gold in the parallel giant slalom in women's alpine snowboarding.

Overall, the U.S. garnered 11 medals, making it the second most winning country.

Many Gallaudet students, faculty, and staff were involved in this international event as competitors, organizers, interns, and coaches. Among them were Dr. Donald Ammons, professor in the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, who served as president of the international governing body of Deaflympics, and Dwight Benedict, manager of University leases and facilities in Student Affairs, who chaired the Deaflympics Organizing Committee. Thirteen Gallaudet students served as interns.

Twenty-four member nations registered for this year's Deaflympics, and 298 deaf and hard of hearing athletes competed. ■



Nicole Lanning, gold medal winning snowboarder



Jim Crane, captain of the gold medal winning ice hockey team

## 'Bob's Vlog' addresses Gallaudet's budget, meetings with students, and a town hall

(Note: The following message is excerpted from President Davila's February 20 email to the campus community, which was accompanied by a vlog update on these important University issues.)

"... Today's (vlog) will be news-oriented, keeping you informed about key issues that we're working on. Specifically, I talk about:

- Gallaudet's budget, as well as all other government agencies that receive funds from the federal government, will be funded under a continuing resolution. This means that Gallaudet's funding levels for 2007 will be maintained at the same levels that Gallaudet received in 2006.
- Due to inclement weather, the Board of Trustees postponed their meeting last week to March 1 and 2.
- Last week, I met with student leaders, including members of the Students of Color Coalition and Student Body Government, to listen to their views on improving the campus climate in order to make Gallaudet a great place to be for everyone, regardless of interests, views, or background.
- As a result, I intend to establish a diversity advisory council that will advise me on how we can become more responsive to the needs of diverse individuals.
- Along the same lines, I've been meeting with a variety of different constituency groups. I think it's especially important to know about the thoughts and ideas of people who might not have had the opportunity in the past to provide that sort of input.
- In April, I will host a town hall meeting during which I will elaborate on my agenda and strategic plan for the remaining portion of my service as president. ..."

(Dr. Davila's vlog can be watched at [pr.gallaudet.edu/video/?vid=14](http://pr.gallaudet.edu/video/?vid=14)) ■



## Clerc Center Happenings

### Summer Institute 2007—save the dates!

By Susan M. Flanigan

This summer, the Clerc Center will offer training on a variety of topics for professionals who work with deaf and hard of hearing students. These popular workshops have been expanded to include social and emotional development issues.

Each of the Summer Institute workshops is taught by skilled practitioners from the Clerc Center. Each provides a great opportunity to learn something new, meet and network with other individuals in the field of deaf education, and make a difference in the education of deaf and hard of hearing children. The strategies featured in these workshops support state and national standards as mandated by No Child Left Behind.

This year's Summer Institute will also host the Family Learning Vacation, a great opportunity for relaxed family fun and learning.

Summer Institute offerings:

#### Social and Emotional Development:

- "Sand Tray Play Therapy Techniques with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children"
- "Play Therapy with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children"
- "Sexuality Education: An Emotionally Intelligent Way of Teaching Human Sexuality to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students"
- "Bully Prevention Program: Creating Safe and Caring Schools for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students"

#### Literacy:

- "Nine Areas of Literacy: Featuring Literacy—It All Connects, Language Planning, and Read It Again and Again"
- "Sharing Books Using ASL and Deaf Cultural Literacy Practices: Preschool-Grade 8"

#### Transition:

- "Portfolios for Student Growth: Linking Academics and Self-Awareness for Lifelong Success"

#### Cochlear Implants and Visual Phonics:

- "See the Sound: Visual Phonics"
- "Spoken Language and Sign: Optimizing Learning for Children with Cochlear Implants"

#### Science and Technology:

- "Integrated Global Sciences: GLOBE Seasons and Biomes Project and Faults in the Earth System"
- "TecEds Digital Storytelling"
- "Lego Robotics Teacher Training"

#### Family Learning:

- "Family Learning Vacation" (for families with deaf and hard of hearing children ages 3 to 6 years old)

Workshops will be offered June 25 to 29 and July 16 to 20, and the Family Learning Vacation will take place June 20 to 23. For more information about individual workshops, combination packages, trainer information, dates, and registration for this year's Summer Institute, visit: [clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/TPD/summer-institute](http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/TPD/summer-institute). ■

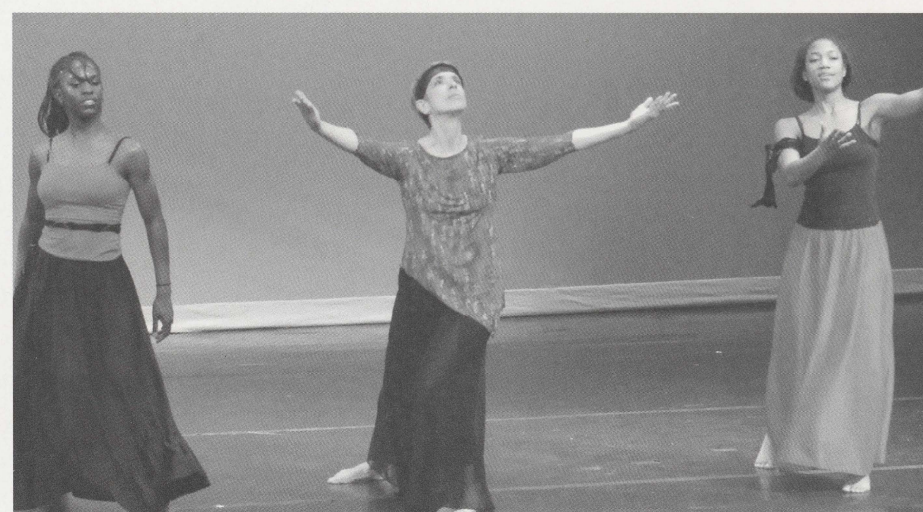


Photo by Reginald King

MSSD's 25th annual winter dance concert, "Spirit of International Dance," performed February 15 to 17, featured pieces by eight choreographers. Audiences were entertained by talented MSSD students and guest dancers performing dances in various styles from India, West Africa, South Africa, Cuba, Latin America, Israel, and the United States. The final performance featured a tribute to choreographers and dancers Marcia Freeman and Fred Beam, who have been instrumental in MSSD's dance program. Freeman was a teacher, choreographer, and director/producer at MSSD for over 25 years. She was the one who initiated the dance concerts in 1981. Beam is the executive director of the performing arts organization Invisible Hands and has been involved with the dance concerts for many years. The dancers also honored current director/producer Yola Rozynek for her work on the show. Rozynek has been producing and directing the dance performances since 1992. ABOVE: Freeman performs with a student dancer in her piece, "Reflections." BELOW: MSSD dancers perform "Celebration of Freedom."

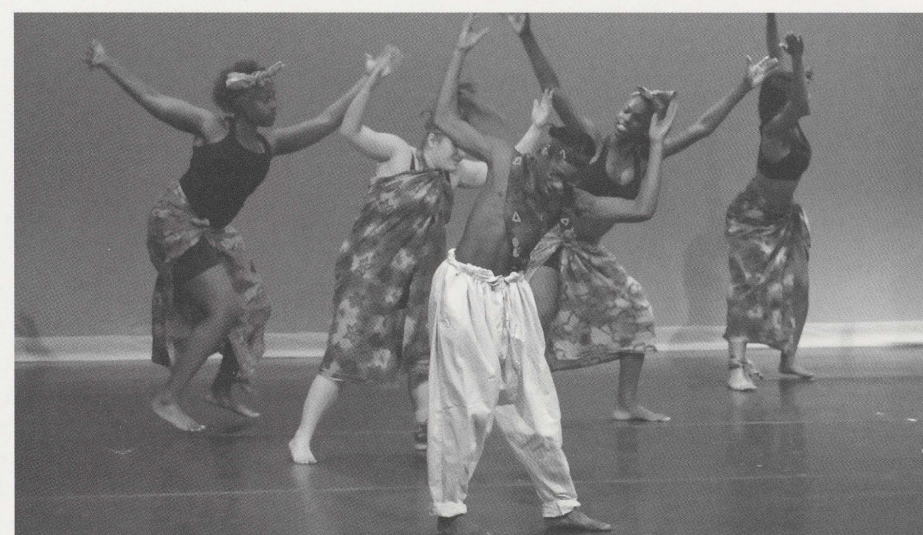


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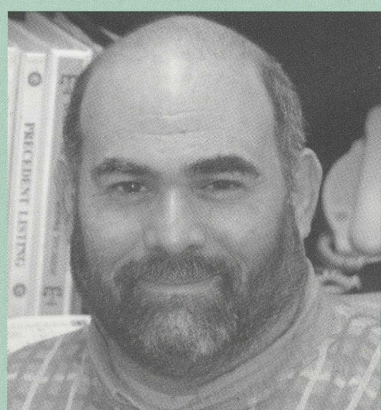
**A.** Although women attended classes at the introductory level when Gallaudet opened its doors in 1864, they were not admitted as degree-seeking students until 1887. That means 2007 marks the 120th anniversary of Gallaudet's first "co-eds"!

The first woman to graduate from Gallaudet was Alto Lowman, in 1892, followed the next year by Agatha Tiegel.

Source: *100 Years of Women at Gallaudet University*, a brochure published by Gallaudet in 1987.

## Roving Reporter

### If you could invent a deaf reality show, what would it be?



*I'd like to see an entire channel devoted to deaf programming, with news, sports, science, history, maybe even dating shows. But for a reality show, my idea is to follow a deaf person in a different professional field every week, to show what deaf people can do.*

Hillel Goldberg, coordinator of Judicial Affairs, Student Development Programs



*My idea for a show would compare the lives of students in a deaf school and students in a mainstream school. It would be up to the audience to decide their opinion on which is better.*

Haydee Garcia, undergraduate



*"The Deaf Apprentice" in major cities, bringing out the top candidate with a full set of skills!*

Suzanne Stecker, President's Fellow, Art Department

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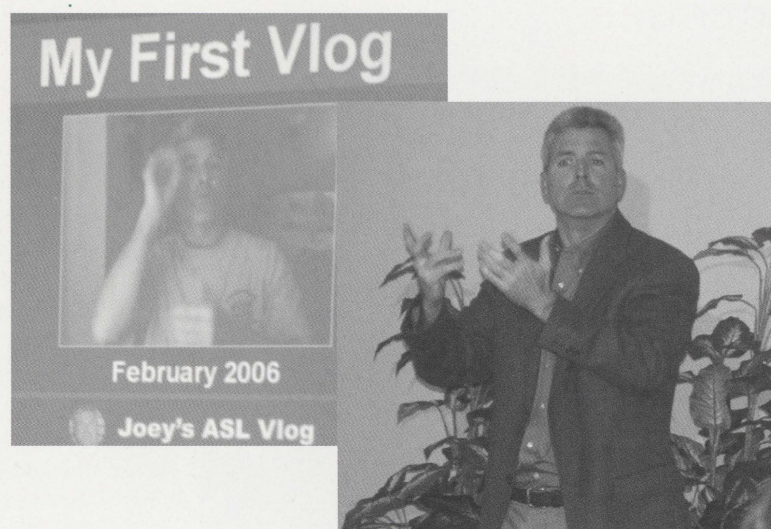
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## Vlogging/Blogging conference seeks answers to difficult questions



Vlogger Joey Baer makes his presentation, entitled "Vlogs: Elevating Deaf Discourse," at the Vlogging/Blogging the Future of Gallaudet conference. Baer is often called the pioneer of ASL vlogs, inspiring dozens more since he began vlogging. During his presentation, he showed his first vlog, which he posted in February 2006.

**B**logs (web logs) and vlogs (video web logs) have become a highly popular and influential means of conveying news and information, and the have had a significant impact on Gallaudet. On February 3, the Gallaudet-based Coalition for Critical Inquiry (CCI) hosted a conference to explore the role and future possibilities of these new media.

The Vlogging/Blogging the Future of Gallaudet conference sought answers to the questions, What changes will come to Gallaudet as a result of these [web-based] discussions? How is vlogging/blogging having an impact on the deaf community? How will new communication technology continue to change the shape of our world?

During four panel discussions over the course of the day, prominent members of the deaf blogging and vlogging community shared their thoughts and responded to queries from the audience. Topics included the direction of Gallaudet, the future of deaf identity, technology in the classroom, and where vlogging and blogging will take the deaf community.

Vlogger Joey Baer of "Joey's ASL Vlog" filmed participants' reactions following the conference. Panelist Tayler Mayer, co-creator of the DeafRead

blog/vlog aggregator, expressed a common feeling of amazement with connecting names and faces. He told Baer, "I met people I'd only made contact with through IM, email, blogs, and vlogs. When we could finally meet and talk to each other face to face, I felt an immediate connection. We were able to really discuss issues in the blogging world."

Jill Bradbury, an assistant professor in the Department of English and the founder of CCI, an independent group of Gallaudet faculty, staff, and students, organized the event. She knew the topic would further the purpose of the group which, the website states, is "to provide public forums for objective debate and critical reflection on issues arising from the Unity for Gallaudet protests and to model intellectual dialogue, respect for diverse viewpoints, and commitment to social justice for the Gallaudet and larger deaf community."

Bradbury expressed satisfaction with the outcome of the event. "I'm thrilled that we had so many brilliant people converge here to discuss some good issues," she said. "It was very inspiring."

Each of the panel discussions is available online at [www.ccigally.info/node/24](http://www.ccigally.info/node/24). ■



Photo by Pamela Mower

The Career Center held its largest Job Fair in years on February 21 at the Kellogg Conference Hotel. The fair attracted a record-breaking 60 employers, almost twice the number of last spring's fair. Stefan Koppi, Career Center director, attributed the increase to an expanded marketing effort that included "a new employer database, targeted mailings, better use of our Web site, and individual outreach to selected employers." Koppi reported that 320 job seekers attended the fair. Here, Colette Brown of the Navy Engineering Logistics Office discusses job opportunities with students.

## Notes from Personnel

### Service awards for February

#### Five years:

**Mark Amisshah**, internship/employment advisor, Career Center; **Autureo Crockett**, staff residential assistant, Residence Life

#### Ten years:

**Cindy Officer**, academic support services counselor, Tutorial and Instructional Programs

#### Fifteen years:

**Jeffrey Hardison**, interpreter III, Gallaudet Interpreting Service

#### Twenty years:

**William Dawes**, driver, Transportation

### New employees hired in January

**Norvan Babson**, Mellon DAVE technical specialist, e-learning, Academic Technology; **Sherita Bolden**, scheduler, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Pierre Butler**, dispatcher/customer service representative, Department of Public Safety; **Robert Davila**, president, President's Office; **Thad Ferguson**, web designer/Apple technician, Information Technology Service; **Roberto Herrera**, assistant professor, Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; **Amanda Holzrichter**, assistant professor, Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; **Barbara Jensen**,

receptionist/secretary, Operations and Programs, MSSD; **Stephen Nover**, director, Center for ASL and English bilingual education research, National Science Foundation, Science Learning Center; **Ashraf Sankoh-Yillah**, lead electrician, Maintenance Services; **Deborah Shaw**, accounts payable specialist, Finance Office; **Krystallo Tziallila**, mathematics teacher/tesearcher, MSSD; **Anthony Verdeja**, interpreter II, Gallaudet Interpreting Service

### Promotions in January

**Nancy Berrigan**, manager, Literacy National Mission Initiative, Clerc Center; **Adrienne Campbell**, executive secretary, Residence Life; **Carla Hanyzewski**, manager, Family Involvement National Mission Initiative, Clerc Center; **Susan Jacoby**, manager, Transition National Mission Initiative, Clerc Center; **Carlos Navas**, manager, Grounds; **Rosemary Stifter**, coordinator, Educational Technology and Training, Information Systems/Computer Support

### Retirements in January

**Carole Frankel**, Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; **William McCrone**, Counseling Department; **David Schleper**, National Mission Training-Dissemination, Clerc Center

## Campus Calendar

### March

**2**—Board of Trustees meeting, GUKCH; "Through Deaf Eyes" screening (ticket required), 6:30-9:30 p.m., KCH, Swindells Auditorium

**5**—Monthly PFLAG meeting, 7:30-9 p.m., HMB S135

**7**—"Through Deaf Eyes" screening (first come, first served), 2-4 p.m., KCH, Swindells Auditorium

**8**—"Through Deaf Eyes" clips screening and discussion, 10 a.m.-noon, JSAC 1011; Mid-Atlantic Cochlear Implant meet-

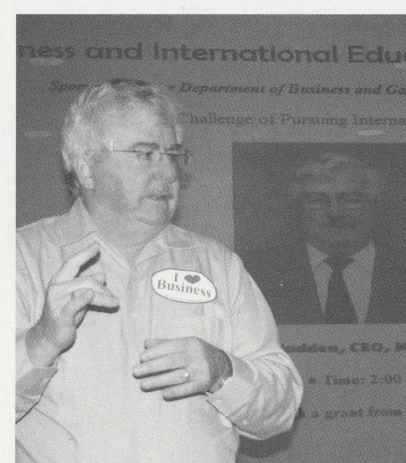
ing, 6:30-8:30 p.m., JSAC MPR

**10-11**—Winter softball clinic, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Field House Gym

**12-16**—Spring Break; Shared Reading Project: "Keys to Success Training," JSAC MPR

**21**—Career Center: mock interviews with Rotary Club, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Career Center JSAC 2221

**22**—HIV/AIDS presentation by Hope's Voice, 7-9 p.m., JSAC MPR



The Department of Business and the Gallaudet Leadership Institute kicked off their Business and International Education Lecture Series with a February 21 presentation by James Macfadden, CEO of Macfadden and Associates, Inc., of Silver Spring, Md., entitled "The Challenge of Pursuing International Business." The lecture series is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Macfadden, who earned a business degree from Gallaudet in 1962, has gained extensive experience in international business since forming his company 21 years ago. Macfadden and Associates' information technology and program management services and support are global in scope. For example, its Rapid Response Disaster Assistance Program is used by the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance. In

addition, Macfadden has worked closely with the Ukrainian deaf business community in developing a marketing plan for 41 factories that it assumed control of after the fall of the Soviet Union. Macfadden's key piece of advice to the aspiring business leaders in the audience was, in a rapidly changing global business world, "What you learn at Gallaudet won't last you very long. ... You have to change to keep up; you have to learn for your whole life." Also helpful when working with an international clientele is to be knowledgeable of local culture and laws. He told the students that the recipe for success—at home or abroad—is to start small and build a strong foundation, surround themselves with talented workers, and cultivate a reputation for producing a high quality product.



## Student Athlete News

### Brittainy Payne—Athlete of the Month

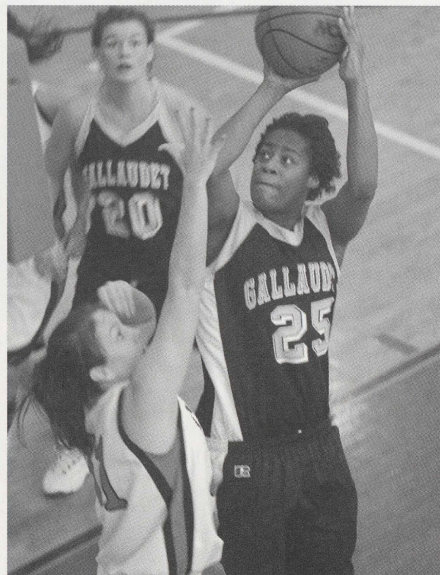


Photo by Matthew Kohaski

Brittainy Payne goes for the hoop.

By Oscar Ocuto  
Sports Information Director

Brittainy Payne has been around the game of basketball since she was 6 years old. The ongoing need for a basketball fix stemmed from watching the Chicago Bulls pull down six championships in the '90s, with star Michael Jordan at center stage.

Payne idolized Jordan growing up, and begged her mother to get her started playing basketball. Enter Brittainy's uncle, Michael Payne; she attributes the beginnings of her talent to her uncle for teaching her the fundamentals of the sport.

The 5'9" Bison forward grew up in Pine Hill, N.J. and graduated from the New Jersey School for the Deaf (NJSD—also known as the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf).

It was during her time at NJSD that she met her coach and mentor, Martha Fowler. "I thank her for teaching me

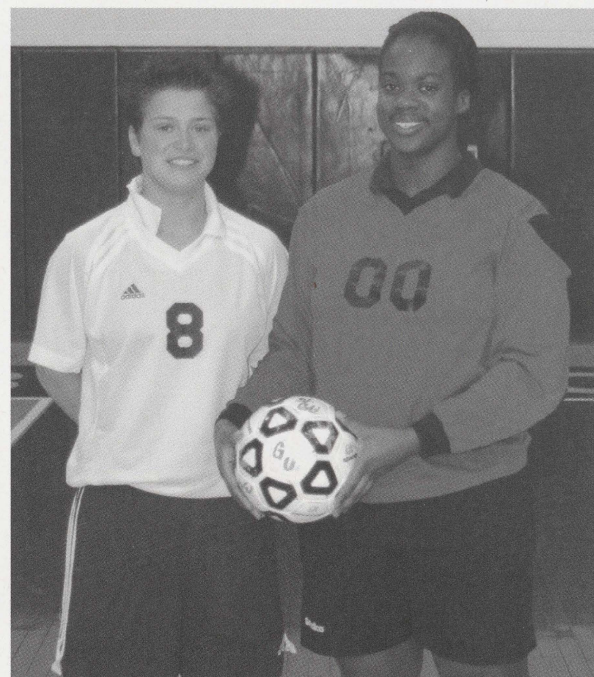
everything I know about [organized] basketball," Payne said. She added another interesting tidbit about Coach Fowler: "I hated doing lay-ups left-handed! But Coach told me if I wanted to play college basketball, I would have to learn how to do it. Through practice and repetition, I was finally able to do this—thanks to her."

She chose to attend Gallaudet with the aspirations of making something out of herself. Her goal after college is to try her hand at the elite levels of basketball for women, the WNBA. If that doesn't pan out, Payne is already working on Plan B, majoring in physical education. "I'd like to teach, and be a coach, to help others develop skills and succeed," she said.

At the time of this writing, Payne ranks second in the Capital Athletic Conference among rookies for scoring and rebounding. Watch this rising star continue to work on her skills and develop into a seasoned veteran that first year Bison coach Kylan Loney can depend on in the clutch! On Coach Loney, Brittainy had this to say: "I like her; good discipline and good drills!"

This "Cinnamon Toast Crunch" cereal lover ("That's all I eat!" she says.) is also a dedicated Philadelphia Eagles fan, because quarterback Donovan McNabb has an uncanny likeness to her uncle Michael. In her spare time, Payne enjoys watching movies—her favorite is the classic drama *Love and Basketball*. She also enjoys hanging with her friends, toying with computers, and playing other sports such as football, volleyball, and soccer. She intends to play softball for the Bison at the conclusion of basketball season. ■

### Student athletes attract international attention



Katie Romano and Amelia Palmer were invited to represent the U.S. at the 2007 Pacific International Soccer Tournament in Australia.

Members of Gallaudet's women's soccer team are quickly becoming stars. The team drastically improved its record this fall, and now three players have caught the eye of both local and international organizations.

Juniors Katie Romano and Amelia Palmer, along with senior Nicole Lanning, have each stood out for their outstanding athletic abilities. Romano and Palmer were recently invited to join the USA Athletes International soccer team for the 2007 Pacific International Soccer Tournament in Australia. Lanning gained recognition in another sport when she took home the gold in the snowboarding competition at the 2007 Deaflympics in Salt Lake City, Utah. (See related article, page 1).

"I was thrilled because it's a great honor for me to represent the USA team," said Romano of the tournament in Australia. "It's also a great opportunity for me to move up to a higher level in my soccer career."

Palmer agreed. "I was shocked at first but at the same time honored," she said.

The 2007 Pacific International Soccer Tournament, set to take place on Australia's Gold Coast June 20 to July 2, will bring together talented athletes for competition and cultural exchange. One challenge they must meet is raising

\$4,500 each to cover the cost of their trip.

As far as athletic preparation goes, Romano is in top shape. She is one of the few players to accomplish a "hat trick" by scoring three times in one game. Romano did this not once, but in three games this past season, overall scoring 14 goals.

In 2005, Romano was part of the gold medal-winning women's soccer team in the Deaflympics in Melbourne, Australia, and helped the semi-professional women's football team, the D.C. Divas, win the 2006 Super Bowl.

Palmer, who is originally from Ontario, Canada, just completed her second year of playing for Bison soccer. As goalie, she averages an impressive 18 saved goals per

game.

Palmer and Romano both have strong academic standings, majoring in therapeutic recreation and physical education, respectively. Both list graduate school as an aspiration for the near future.

Romano also hopes to travel the world and later establish a sports camp for deaf children. Palmer also wants to keep traveling, perhaps developing a taste for it during a study course in Paris, France. Later, she plans to work in physical therapy.

Lanning, a recreation major and business minor, played Bison soccer as a first-year student and again this year as a senior. This is the third straight time she has been selected for the Deaflympics team.

Women's soccer head coach Mark Amissah, an employment/internship advisor in the Career Center, admires his players' strong drive to succeed. "They have hearts for competition," he said. "You will not believe it until you see them play... I am proud of them."

With Amissah's guidance and a group of strong players, the team went from a 3-win, 16-loss season in 2005 to a 7-win, 12-loss season in 2006. Amissah sees a steady climb from there. "The future of the team is continuous hard work to improve our winning percentages and send more players to international competitions" he said. ■

## Among Ourselves

An exhibition of ceramics and 3-D paintings by **Andre Pellerin**, art gallery, lab/equipment specialist in the Art Department, is on display through March 31 in the Invitational Gallery at the Mansion of Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, Md. Gallery hours are: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The premier edition of the **Office of International Programs and Services' (OIPS)** International E-Newsletter (for fall '06) is now available online. The e-newsletter, which can be read at [oips.gallaudet.edu/newsletter](http://oips.gallaudet.edu/newsletter), keeps the Gallaudet community apprised of events, activities, and notable individuals of the University and the three sub-units that comprise OIPS: the Center for Global Education, the English Language Institute, and International Services.

**Jorge Santiago-Blay**, an associate professor of biology at Gallaudet and a research collaborator in the Department of Paleobiology of the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, was co-editor with Joseph Lambert, professor of chemistry at Northwestern University, of an article that appeared in the March-April issue of *American Scientist*. "Amber's Botanical Origins Revealed" can be found at [www.americanscientist.org/template/AssetDetail/assetid/54787](http://www.americanscientist.org/template/AssetDetail/assetid/54787).

Swim Team Head Coach **Bill Snape** was featured in an ABC network newscast on January 29. The video explored the new status of gray wolves, which were set to be removed from the U.S. government's Endangered Species List. Snape appeared representing the Center for Biological Diversity and spoke about permits that may be issued for hunting the wolves since they could soon no longer be protected by the federal government. ■

## Ask Cousin Sally

Dear Cousin Sally,

I'm a staff member thinking about taking graduate classes here, and I'm nervous. I won't even tell you how long ago I got my B.A. from Gallaudet. Do you think I can jump back in? Will the grad students put up with an old thing sitting in their classes?

Old But Thirsty For Knowledge

Dear Old But Thirsty,

Well, what do you think a middle-aged dairy farmer-turned-columnist is going to say to that? She's going to say it's never too late! Depending on the subject, the concept might not come as easily to you as to the young 'uns, or you might have life experience that makes you the source for guidance. Trust me, if I could learn my way around that maze of a basement in College Hall, you can hold your own with the kids in any class.